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LOCAL ITEMS

No. 1 Peameal Back Bacon at 32c. a pound, cash, at the Rex meat market.

Mr. Axel Ferngren, a former resident here, was in town on Wednesday.

Vulcan, the good sporting town that it is, provided a fair quota of the passengers on the C.P.R. hockey special to Calgary on Friday evening last. Besides the good game between Calgary and Vancouver, the special at a convenient hour and the fact that splendid seats were allotted to excursionists, made the trip a pleasure and a satisfaction. Stationmaster Craig facilitated the transportation and reserved seat ticket purchases, and went along to render service and take in the game.

The Vulcan Women's Institute held their regular meeting on December 14th, at the home of Mrs. E. McPherson. After the transaction of important business, Miss Fair gave a paper entitled "The Last West." This was an excellent and interesting paper, describing her trip to Port Alice, north of Vancouver Island. Miss Fair also exhibited some pictures of the different places she had visited on her trip, which made the paper all the more interesting. After the meeting adjourned a dainty lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Lebeau, and a social half hour was spent.

Success follows success in Vulcan, and the latest event with highly satisfactory results was the bazaar and tea on Saturday, under the auspices of the W. A. of St. Aldhelm's Church. One of the features of the event was the drawing for the doll's house, a truly elaborate affair, and was won with No. 77 by Mr. Henry Hussfeldt. The display of articles and the decorations were attractively arranged and the patronage good, the proceeds amounting to more than three hundred dollars. The several stalls were in charge of Mrs. Spooner, Mrs. Howes and Mrs. Lambert, fancy articles; Mrs. Kiever and Miss Orton, household linens; Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Hall, handkerchiefs; Mrs. Jim Marshall, candy; Mrs. Martin, dairy produce; Mrs. Dodds, home cooking; Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Gibson Mrs. Ober and Miss Tingle, tea room.

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Mr. and Mrs. G.D. Clifford have gone to the coast for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boose have left for a two months' trip to their old home in Ohio.

Mr. W.F. Elves and W. H. Young of Cayley, are visiting in town with the Messrs. Elves.

Born, at the maternity hospital in Vulcan, on December 13th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Loisele, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Parelou and family left Monday night for Dundalk, Ontario, their old home, to spend the winter.

Miss Cassie Davis is in town and has been home for a week or two. Miss Davis has had a very successful season with Chautauqua, and expects to continue with this widely known institution.

Buffalo meat, a rare luxury, and a fine treat for week-end or Christmas, is available through Mr. W.D. Allan, who has secured a quantity from Wainwright, where a number of the dominion herd are being slaughtered.

Miss Elvessa Brown, of South Richmond school, wrote "Local History of Vulcan District" for competition in connection with the last school fair, and her reward was the purchase of the same by the fair secretary, Mr. R.L. Elves.

Mr. T.B. LeBow, recently went east to Ontario on account of the serious illness of his father. He returned to Vulcan on Tuesday and reports his father better and around, and enjoying the good weather that just now prevails in that province.

Special services, in keeping with the Christmas spirit, will be held in the Union church on Sunday morning and evening. "The Christian Era," at 11 a.m., and "The World's Great Master Man," at 7:30 p.m. Special music will be rendered by the united choirs at the evening service. All are invited.

Mr. L. Y. Colwell represented Vulcan and district at the provincial Conservative convention at Edmonton on Friday last, and will report to a meeting of local Conservatives at a time that is yet to be arranged. Mr. Colwell is one of the youthful Conservative citizens, but not without considerable experience, for he had an active part in the memorable campaigns in Medicine Hat. To him the convention was an entire success and satisfaction, and he brings back the personal promise of the new leader to pay us a visit.

The hockey boys had a work-out the other day on the big pond, down at the Dorch farm. Some sixteen or more of them were at it for two or more hours, and the old boys and some new ones looked good for a start. They intend making every effort to give Vulcan a good team, and the trip of several of them to Calgary to see how the pros do it will be no disadvantage to our ambitious young men. This summer weather is making some of them anxious, but no one knows what a day may bring forth, and before the winter is past we may have hockey and skating aplenty.

The town of Vulcan has acquired title to and possession of the opera house property through the process of the tax recovery act. This property and building was owned by a stock company which it would seem has not been operated according to Hoyle, and perhaps the method followed is the best to clear up what is the result of what can at least be said to have been bad business. Several local people were stock holders in the company, and their attitude has been such as to suggest that they had concluded that their investment was gone. The opera house at Okotoks, promoted by the same promoter and owned by a like company, passed in the same way to that town more than a year ago.

The Chopin recital given by Mr. M. Hoffman on Monday, the 17th inst., was thoroughly enjoyed by a capacity gathering at the home of Mrs. Galliker. Mr. Hoffman opened with a very interesting account of the composer's life, showing how his peculiarly emotional temperament gave such distinctly characteristic turns to his compositions, and how all the incidents of his too short life, were mirrored so very remarkably in his works. Chopin composed in terms of the piano and many of the details of his technical peculiarities must have been of special interest to the students present. The program included the Polonaise Militaire, inspired by a dream in which Chopin saw the nobility of his native Poland march by him in procession. Very much in contrast came the Berceuse, a cradle song of delicate beauty. Several preludes and two Etudes followed and then the Ballade in F minor, and to close the "Chopin Funeral March." All these were excellently rendered by Mr. Hoffman and the evening was generally considered a real musical treat.

LOCAL ITEMS

A Merry Christmas to all.

Miss A. H. Nixon spent the week end in Calgary.

Miss Irene Terry has joined the staff at the telephone central.

Mr. Percy Irving of Olds is in town to give attention to business interests here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jarrett, of Medicine Hat are visitors in town, guests of Mr. R. L. Elves.

The New Club Cafe prints in this issue and enticing and elaborate menu for Christmas dinner.

Ten dollars has been received at Vulcan from what is known as the Strathcona Trust, and this amount will go to Commander Gibson and his cadets.

Mr. D.E. Geddes, writing from Los Angeles, states that he has recently met in that city Miss Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacques, and Mr. Branson, all former Vulcan residents.

Premier King, of Canada, was born on December 17, and his picture was in all the daily papers on his birthday, and by this fact The Advocate man discovered that he was celebrating a similar event on the same day.

The town of Vulcan has acquired the title to the Vulcan opera house through process of the Tax Recovery Act. The Okotoks opera house, promoted by the same promoter and owned by a life insurance company, was also taken over by the town.

Mrs. Oscar Tideman is a patient in the General hospital at Calgary, and last week was the subject of three distinct operations necessary to recovery from a serious illness. Friends will be pleased to know that her condition is now much better and steadily improving.

In the recollection of old timers this is the mildest winter so far ever recorded. The weather has been remarkably easy on the coal pile in the town and the feed pile on the farms, but at the same time we would prefer to see a little more snow, particularly for Christmas time.

Miss Addie Dunham left here to join her parents at their new home at Abbotsford, B.C. Miss Dunham has been for some time on the local telephone staff, and has contributed her part to the very excellent service rendered at central office. Miss Dunham will be missed by many friends whose best wishes go with her to B.C.

For a week or more there has been absolutely nothing doing in curling circles, and the sunny weather is the cause of it all. The new rink is all set for the opening, but the high temperature has played hob with ice making. Even the selection of the rinks has been deferred until the appearance of winter. But one of these days there will be a change, and then for a high old time.

Mr. Cline, a business man at Nanton, was in Vulcan the other day, and like all visitors who come to town these days, was invited to take a look at our new skating rink and new curling rink, and while giving every credit to our enterprise and expressing admiration for the splendid rinks, took occasion to mention that his town possessed a swimming pool, which he described as a community asset beyond compute, and a source of pleasure, exercise and health to its citizens.

The Lethbridge paper the other day under a big heading announced the appearance at this season of a robin at Creston, B.C., which was heralded as a very unusual thing. That's nothing, about the same time Alderman Leverington saw a robin just west of Vulcan when on his way out to the farm, and who knows but this might have been the same bird, just arrived in a real sunny country. But robins do not interest the worthy alderman just now, for he is chairman of the skating rink committee, and this Alberta weather is sure to be on ice.

The recent masquerade dance made a net profit of \$115 to the Ladies' Curling club, according to the report presented to the members at a meeting of the club, held at the residence of Mrs. King, the president, on Wednesday night. Certainly this was a great success, and prompted the ladies to the generosity of donating the sum of more than fifty dollars toward the equipment of the splendid new curling rink, the amount to be expended on elevated seats for spectators. Curling and the plans for the season were subjects of general discussion, and it was decided that the first play would be in the president vs. vice-president competition. The draw for rinks resulted as follows: Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Jim Marshall, Mrs. Vanskiver and Mrs. King (skip); Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ober and Mrs. LeBow, (skip); Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Vaughan, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Denbigh (skip); Mrs. Schener, Mrs. Eamor, Mrs. Beardsley and Mrs. Flood, (skip); Miss Pickard, Miss Fair, Mrs. Journey and Miss Wylie (skip); Miss Porter, Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. Jack Marshall and Mrs. Hall (skip).

LOCAL ITEMS

Special for cash only, for the week, No. 1 Peameal Back Bacon at 32c. per pound, at the Rex meat market.

Reports have been in circulation to the effect that two or three business places have recently been broken into and a quantity of goods stolen.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell, "The Maples", Douglas, Manitoba, announce the engagement of their daughter Marie to Jack Wolfe, of Vulcan, the marriage to take place early in the new year.—Calgary Herald.

Mr. O. L. McPherson is more than ordinarily busy these days. Immediately upon his return from Winnipeg on wheat pool business he left for Edmonton to discuss Clause D business. Mr. D. H. Galbraith also went to the capital for the caucus.

Some time ago Mr. J. Lucas had a Ford car stolen from his back door, and later a young fellow was discovered with it at Lethbridge. He was pinched and fined, but the amount of the fine was only \$25—not a dollar a day for the time he had the car away. He was lucky.

The chap who rolled a man for his wad in a Lethbridge hotel, and when arrested said he had drawn the money from a bank in Vulcan, got a year in the coop for the offence. He was brought by the police to Vulcan to prove his story, but of course he couldn't make it stick. He was a harvest hand east of Vulcan this season.

The contract has been satisfactorily completed, and now the new skating rink has been formally taken over by the town, adequately insured, and every attention given to detail. Conveniences for ladies and gentlemen are being installed, wire netting required on account of hockey is being placed, and everything is ready but the ice, and the weather is wholly to blame for the lack of that. But then it will get cold, some day.

The prize essay on "Fire Prevention" which has had previous mention in this journal appears in this issue, and upon the judgement of Fire Chief Smart of Calgary it is given to our readers as an article of real merit and value, and the several recent disastrous fires in neighboring towns will perhaps add to the interest in the important subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark had every preparation made for an extended trip to California. Tickets were purchased and accommodation arranged, but an hour or two before they were to take the train a telegram announced the sudden death of W. R. Clark, a brother, at Des Moines, Iowa, and a hurried change was made so that they might go at once to the city named. Deceased is one of the family that is not known here, but many friends here will extend sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a brother.

The annual meeting of the Good Deeds Women's Institute was held on December 13th, at the home of Mrs. Gothard. Lunch was served at one o'clock, and the meeting followed. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. J. Kennedy; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. Ervine; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. Parsons; Secretary, Mrs. M. Layman; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Fisher; Directors, Mrs. D. Richmond, Mrs. J. Lucas, Mrs. A. Larson. Mrs. Parsons read a paper, "The Aim of The Women's Institute," written by Mrs. McAllister of Taber.

The Advocate regrets the necessity of reporting the prosecution of a local resident for having appeared at a recent dance in Vulcan in a state of intoxication and creating a disturbance. This kind of an offence will not be tolerated or excused by the I.O.O.F. who own and operate the hall, and this prosecution and the publicity of the occurrence is designed as an intimation of the fact, and they are backed in the determination by the police and the court. The offender on this occasion was fined ten dollars and costs, or an alternative of fifteen days in jail.

The annual meeting of the Vulcan district association U.F.A., was held in Vulcan on Saturday afternoon. President B.R. Lommatschke presided. It was an interesting meeting and well attended. The feature of the meeting was the address of Mr. Garland, representative of Little Bow riding in the House of Commons. He reviewed the work of the last session of the house with special reference to the attitude of the Progressive in reference to the legislation and subjects presented for discussion and consideration. The banking system of this country and the law under which it operates was given particular attention and severe criticism, and recent events in banking business were given by him as proof of some of his contentions. Mr. Garland is a ready speaker and hard hitter and his subject was certainly made interesting to his assembly of hearers. The meeting passed a resolution to request the C.P.R. to spot cars more promptly, and another authorizing the secretary to agitate in invite all U.F.A. locals to become members of the district association.

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VULCAN, ALBERTA

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Christmas season with its feasting and merriment is with us again. We see its influence reflected from the many happy faces as they pass us by. There seems to be a subtle magic in the air that is expressed by a heartier handclasp and a warmer welcome. What a joyous glad some ring there is to that good old fashioned wish of "Merry Christmas" that we get from our friends. "The Same to You and Many of Them," we answer back with a sparkle in the eye. For Christmas is the one season that takes us away from the bickerings and cares of business, and fills our hearts with human love and understanding and sympathy; and poor indeed is he whose heart or purse does not respond to its magic call. Truly, at this season, "The Bethlehem Message," is a living inspiration. We feel we cannot better express feelings and wishes to our many friends in more fitting words than those of poor crippled Tiny Tim in Dickens' delightful fantasy, "A Christmas Carol": "God Bless Us Every One."

"AUNT JEMIMA"

Recently the news was sent over the United States that Nancy Green 80, had been killed in a traffic accident in Chicago, when she was struck by an automobile while standing on the curb. Nancy Green was Aunt Jemima, whose picture has for years adorned the advertisements and products of the Davis Milling Company, of St. Joseph, makers of Aunt Jemima Pancake flour. Nancy had traveled all over the country as demonstrator for this concern. Aunt Jemima's red bandana handkerchief and golden pancakes were recognized from coast to coast. The old negro woman, with her broad smile and steaming plate of delectable, was more widely known than most congressmen. She had been nationally famous since 1893, when as a demonstrator of pancake flour at the World's Fair in Chicago, she entered on her career. It was a brilliant career for Aunt Jemima, who was born a slave. Aunt Jemima was a success in life. She made good pancakes and advertised them. Advertising tells.

THE NEW LEADER

W. J. Blair, the new conservative leader in Alberta, is known to some of our citizens as a man of considerable influence and he will no doubt put energy into the organization of the party. He is a successful businessman and while he is not an orator y he can express himself concisely an with force. As leader of the Conservative party in Alberta he has before him considerable hard work to rehabilitate the party in this province. If he can attract support from other sources he must first prove he has the ability to direct the affairs of the province. In this connection his friends believe they have in Mr. Blair a man well fitted for the position he has been appointed to.

REFRESHING SPIRIT

It is quite refreshing to observe the splendid spirit manifested by the merchants of the town of Gleichen who suffered the loss of merchandise and property in the recent fire that swept that place. They are not "quitters" by any means as all are anxious to rebuild at once a greater, grander and better town. As the Call rightly says: "that is the spirit that will make any town a worth while place."

So live that when your summons comes you can make the court believe you are telling the truth.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS

Question for Ludendorff. Who put "u" in the "coup"?

If Germany had won it would have saved a lot of time and paper.

A person may be no good and still be worth his weight in marks.

Correct this sentence: "And he said: 'No, thank you, I don't care for any'."

Some women are busy little bodies and some others are little busybodies.

Some folks we know make themselves at home everywhere—except at home.

And now the king of Greece may be an exile. Isn't it the deuce to be a king?

The great need of the wheat farmer at present is fewer experts and more exports.

Correct this sentence: "I was defeated but I am glad to say, the best man won."

The Labor party in Britain is for a capital levy but the women generally favor a bazaar.

Baldwin offered them the remedy of work. They voted for the palliative of relief.

Naturally the Duchesses supported Baldwin but the Mackintosh Reds were against.

"Baroness sued for wearing apparel"—newspaper heading. But she had to or be arrested.

Protection is a bitter pill to swallow unless sugar coated and labelled "Safe guarding of Industries."

The wheat farmer was advised to raise something else and the Omaha Herald says he is raising it now.

Some are born bank directors; some acquire seats on the Board while others take no chances at all of being sent to jail.

And just to think that Britain at one time decided in favor of septennial elections!

When you know you are right, go right ahead, but don't expect the crowd to follow you.

Persons who have nothing to do and can't do it sometimes undertake to regulate things that are none of their business.

An unusual woman is one who says the scarcity of domestics doesn't bother her because she couldn't afford to have one anyway.

If Wilhelm really means to stage a Napoleonic comeback he would do well to make St. Helena his starting point instead of Elba.

Now that he has got back to his Silesian farm the ex-Crown Prince may resume the goose-step even if he does not go in for poultry.

Lloyd George occupied a strong position. Having been associated with all parties none could say much against him without a rejoinder being resurrected from themselves.

While Great Britain and the United States want to determine Germany's capacity to pay, France is determined that Germany shall pay to capacity.

The modern reform is like castor oil. It is the other fellow who needs it, must have it and we stand ready to hold his nose and make him take it.

Alberta radio fans should remember that there is a penalty of from \$50 to \$500 for non payment of license. The fee is \$1 and is a good investment.

Winnipeg papers recently announced that Mr. Moon, married in Winnipeg, obtained a divorce in Minneapolis. Mrs. Moon did not appear. Reads like the account of an eclipse.

A newspaper biography of Sir William McKenzie says "he had two hobbies—golf and bridge." He was not very good at either but why should he have been? Proficiency robs a hobby of its chief virtue—diversion.

Dr. W. G. Anderson, the seer of Steveston, spent a few days in Bassano, dispensing the accumulated philosophy of several months. One of his latest is: President Wood of the U.F.A. is the man who put the 'moe' in democracy.—Bassano Mail.

Premier King ascribes the defeat in Halifax to "jealousy in the Liberal ranks." There will always be room and reason for jealousy in the ranks so long as Mr. King is prime minister.

Kincardine man tells how he missed a fortune. Three years ago he had a notion to write a song entitled "No, we have some bananas," but he put it off until it was too late.

Are these days gone forever? We hope not; and if ever we have the luck to reach the Golden Gate, and the good St. Peter allows us to choose our occupation, we'll beg of him to make us a boy again, and just a common 5-8 boy at that. Should our request be granted, we will round up the cows on time every night. We'll bring in the coal, wood and water without a whimper, and the rest of the world can go by as it likes.

HONOR TO ALBERTA EXHIBITOR

Nick Taitinger of Claresholm, who has been a winner with his seed barley at Chicago in the past has won further honors according to word received at the department of agriculture. Mr. Taitinger writes that in the brewers' exhibition in London, Eng. he won the championship with his two rowed Chevalier barley. In the colonial class with 52 bushels, he won fourth place. This show, he says, is the largest of its kind in the world. Mr. Taitinger got third with his barley at Chicago his year.

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BAD DATE FOR ELECTIONS

There is a marked resemblance between political events in Canada two years ago and "in England now". Two years ago the Meighen government with a sufficient majority over all went to the country ahead of time. This year Premier Baldwin under similar circumstances did the same. In both countries there was grave doubt among conservatives as to the necessity for and timeliness of dissolution. In both countries the elections were held on December 6th. In both countries no party emerged from the contest with a majority over all. In both countries the government stood for the principle of protection. In both countries the other parties attacked that principle.—Kincardine Review.

PRESS COMMENTS

Acton Free Press: The government at Ottawa will do well to hand out a definite and understandable ruling on the new sales tax that comes into force on January 1. New taxes are never popular and this new sales tax is no exception. At present every business man one talks to has a different view of it, and no one seems to know exactly what they will have to do.

Petrolia Topic: Pay cash is one of the best slogans for a household. One of the best agents for filling the poor house is a charge account. Paying cash puts a constant check on buying while a charge account encourages reckless purchases. It's so easy to buy and "have it charged" but when the day of reckoning comes it is not easy to settle the bill, and many a conscientious merchant is accused of adding to the bill simply because the customer cannot realize all his moments of past foolishness.

A Christmas Greeting To All

Merry Christmas Day to you
With gifts and eats and candy,
Friends and folks, and laughs and jokes,
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FIRE PREVENTION

First Prize Essay in High School Competition

Following is the essay on the subject of "Fire Prevention" prepared and submitted by Miss Buelah Hampton, in connection with the annual competition at the Vulcan high school, and has real value as treating a subject that should have the consideration of everybody everywhere.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

Do we not want to protect our population, cities, forests and homes and save costs?

To do this we must try our hardest to prevent fire. Every year there are thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed, besides the number of lives which are lost. Does this not make the population less and expenses higher? Then the only thing we can do to prevent this disastrous thing is for everyone to fight against it and try in every way to prevent fire.

During the last decade there have been three thousand lives and two hundred and fifty million dollars worth of property destroyed by fire. In 1921 the loss of property in fire reached the height of forty-five million dollars and the loss is yearly increasing although the government fights it continually. The government yearly sends out notices and inspectors trying in every way to prevent fire. Although this work is done this disastrous thing cannot be prevented unless everyone does his or her share in the prevention.

In addition to the numerous lives lost there are annually forest fires which destroy thousands of dollars worth of young forests which are not matured and saleable. It also destroys millions of dollars of matured timber. Lumbering is one of Canada's most thriving industries but if all the forests are burned this cannot be carried on.

The cause of the high insurance which the people of Canada are paying today is because Canada's wealth and industries are burning up and has to be some provision so there will be something to replace this loss. We can some day stop this fire insurance if we get to work immediately to prevent fires.

There are many disasters caused by fire. In one year only, there were twenty-three deaths resulting from fire. There were also three hundred and ninety-six dwellings destroyed the same year which amounted to the loss of three hundred and forty-six thousand and seventy-three dollars and sixty-two cents. The total loss of value of lives during one year was three-million, one thousand six hundred and sixty-one dollars and thirty-one cents.

There are numerous ways of preventing fire if they are only brought to mind:

1. Look very carefully at the chimney or flues at the joint above the peak of the roof where the chimney goes through, as the lower part may have settled and the upper portion being held up by the roof timbers, may space or break in the chimney that will permit sparks slipping through into the attic or concealed place.

2. Have all the flues and chimneys properly cleaned before attempting to use them because if they are choked with soot it will become very hot and gradually burn the pipe out, then the chimney.

3. Clean the ventilating collars around all flues, removing all lint, cobwebs and dust, leaving nothing in the ventilator in this way permitting the air to cool the pipe where it goes through.

4. Be sure that all flue holes that are not to be used this year have good metal stops, as innumerable fires are caused by sparks through papering over unused pipe holes in the chimney.

5. Never use gasoline inside the house for cleaning and when compelled to use it for any other purpose do not forget that you are handling a powerful explosive which may endanger your life and property.

6. Be careful that the supply of kindling wood is not piled up in the yard in such a manner as to carry fire to your house, in case your neighbors should burn.

7. It is better to keep all light wood, kindlings and boxes in sheds, stables or basements in orderly piles, and not to have papers or excelsior mixed with it.

8. Extra caution should be used in the handling of gasoline. In the winter months all windows and doors are closed eliminating the possibility of the air blowing the inflammable vapours away.

9. Ashes should be kept in metal receptacles and never in paper or wooden boxes or barrels because it has been known for weeks after for a spark to fly from them and catch something on fire.

10. Remove all dry grass and leaves from your premises before someone carelessly throws a match away.

11. Do not dry clothing and inflammables near or above hot stoves.

12. Oily rags should be kept in standard metal waste cans and contents removed and burned each night.

13. Gasoline or naphtha and other volatile oils should not be kept in buildings and should be used only with extreme care.

14. Rubbish should never be allowed to accumulate in or near buildings.

15. Steam pipes should be kept clear of all wood and other combustible material.

16. Stove pipes should be securely riveted and run direct to brick chimney and never through floors or partitions, protect floors under and above stoves with brick, cement or sheet metal.

17. Open flue holes should be protected with sheet iron, or, better, be bricked up.

18. Electricity, when improperly installed, is hazardous; lamp cords should not be hung on nails or wrapped around piping; paper shades should never be used. Do not tamper with electric installations.

19. Stairways should be kept closed and clear at all times; never place any stock or shelving thereon.

20. Aisles of good width should be maintained; never pile stock in front of windows or against doors, as it handicaps the firemen in case of fire.

21. Damp lamp black will spontaneously ignite. So will slack and pulverized coal, also charcoal when wet.

22. Fire doors and shutters should be closed every night and stock should never be placed so as to hinder the ready closing of fire doors. Use metal frames and sash with wire glass.

23. See that all fire extinguishing apparatus is in good working order.

24. Requiring all doors to swing outward in public buildings, schools, theatres, etc. may prevent the loss of many lives.

25. Use safety matches. They cost no more.

26. All buildings over two stories in height should be provided with fire escapes and stand pipes for fire department use.

27. Don't throw away lighted cigars, matches or cigarettes.

28. Don't leave everything to the land lord. Inspect your own house from cellar to garret.

29. Don't allow children to play with matches as this often leads to their death.

30. Don't go into dark closets, bedrooms or cellars using matches or candles to light your way.

31. Don't use coal oil, benzine or naphtha in lighting fires or to quicken a slow fire, it may result in death.

32. Don't fill any lamp with gasoline or coal oil while the lamp is lighted. Keep the burners of all lamps clean.

33. Don't use gasoline or benzine to clean clothing near an open flame, light, or fire.

34. Don't use alcohol lamps, especially if made of glass; they often break and the fluid is ignited at once.

35. Don't fill oil lamps after dark or within fifteen feet of lights or fire.

36. Don't use oil with a low flash point.

37. Don't put ashes in wooden boxes or barrels. Keep ashes away from boards.

38. Don't accumulate rubbish in premises, cellars or work shops. Keep surroundings should be carefully inspected by their occupants and all conditions likely to cause fire removed.

40. All public buildings, stores, warehouses and factories should be inspected and cleaned of all rubbish in order to reduce fire hazards and maintain health and safety.

41. All hotels, theatres, asylums, hospitals and other institutional buildings should be inspected and provision made for all changes necessary to protect the occupants in the event of fire.

42. Special instruction on the subject of fire should be given to teachers and by municipal officials in the schools and that such appropriate literature as may be available be distributed to the pupils.

43. Fire drills should be held for the children in all the schools, for the inmates of all institutions and for the employees in all large stores and factories in order that a greater degree of safety may be insured by acquainting the occupants with the best and most expeditious modes of exist in time of danger.

44. Boy Scout leaders give instructions to the troops under their control as to best means of co-operating with municipal fire departments in the prevention and extinguishing of fires and especially the desirability of qualifying for the fireman's badge.

45. All legislation and regulations enacted or issued by dominion, provincial or municipal authorities dealing with fire prevention be given publicity by the municipal officials and that by public meetings or otherwise as may to them seem most fit, they endeavor to impress upon the citizens the national importance of safeguarding life and property from loss by fire.

46. Operators of lumber camps, settlers, campers, hunters and others who may from time to time enter our national parks and forest areas acquainting themselves with all laws, regulations and precautionary rules devised and established for the safeguarding of woods against fire.

Could any member of your family answer these questions?

1. Do you use safety matches?

2. Are walls, ceilings and partitions similarly protected from places where they would be exposed to high temperatures in the event of overheating of stoves or furnaces?

3. Are floors under stoves protected with tile, stone, brick, concrete or metal so as to prevent them taking fire from the heat?

4. Are ashes deposited in metal receptacles and removed from the buildings weekly?

Are stovepipes passing through partitions properly protected?

Are chimneys built on the ground or on brackets? Are they in good repair? Have flues been cleaned for winter?

Do stovepipes pass through attics, closets, or unused rooms where they may come in contact with anything combustible?

Is there any enclosed place under your house where inflammable trash may accumulate?

Have you any fire extinguishers? Do all members of the family understand their operation?

Is the use of gasoline forbidden inside the house?

Do you know the telephone number of the fire department?

All these rules are very simple and if everyone would try to follow some of them at least, I am sure the loss by fire would be much reduced. So why not fight against fire before it is too late?

CHILLED MEAT

At the meeting held in the council chambers, High River, on the 8th inst. to discuss the marketing of Alberta live stock, the chair was taken by Mr. J. S. Stephenson, who briefly introduced the speaker William Spurrell of Bowden, who was chairman of the U.F.A. chilled meat committee and a live stock and meat marketing commissioner to England on behalf of the provincial government in 1921. Mr. Spurrell stated in his opening remarks that at the present time we had no satisfactory means of marketing our live stock or one that would pay a satisfactory price to the producer in Alberta the only two markets available for our surplus which amounts to 1/2 of what we produce being either the U.S. or England, in both cases being shipped alive. In the case of the U.S.—which has an exportable surplus of its own—it was equivalent to shipping Drumheller cattle to Lethbridge; and in shipping live cattle to England the leading fact for our consideration was that the shippers had not been able to sustain a profitable market for the Alberta producer. In our search for markets it is necessary that the place to which we ship must have a consumptive demand and we must supply that market by furnishing continuous shipments throughout the year. This can only be done by establishing a dead meat trade such as was done by the United States packers between 30 and 40 years ago which would permit of shipments going forward 52 weeks in the year and supply a means of disposing of a gradually increasing number of our cattle and the establishment of a steady trade. As to the ability of that market to absorb our surplus there was no doubt because of a total of 970,300 tons of fresh meat (beef, mutton and lamb), which constituted the world's exportable surplus, England consumed 917,415 tons, so that we were assured of a consumptive demand. It only remained for us to get busy and start in the business right away. The Canadian Co-operative Meat Export Association was formed for his purpose and already had about 400 members. What was needed was nearer 4000 which would be a small number out of Alberta's 86,000 farmers. The investment of \$10 per member in shares of the association and an agreement to deliver a certain number of stock which could be settled for in three different ways, at the option of the producer, or delivery would enable a change in present conditions to be made quickly. Marketing our produce was our business and we had better attend to it ourselves. Asked as to whether we should not be in competition with the Argentine, Mr. Spurrell said he hoped to be. We were now, but the people down there did not know anything about it. Argentine beef always sold at a lower price than North American beef (24 cents to 44 cents lower) in the market and our beef was as good as North American and could be better in the English market as oats and barley produced a better fat than corn, and stood up to a roasting heat in better shape. Asked as to the selling quantities and demand for refrigerated products of this kind he stated that London consumed 85.3% of refrigerated meats and 14.7% of home killed. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Massey, a hearty vote of

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thanks was tendered Mr. Spurrell for his address. In reply he stated that he had been trying for three years to establish a satisfactory market for Alberta cattle. He hoped to keep on trying until something was accomplished, and asked all present to make every effort they could to assist.

ALBERTA WINNERS

The following is a complete list of the Alberta winners at the International Hay and Grain Show just closed at Chicago. The provincial exhibit, which was in charge of W. J. Stephenson, field crops commissioner, of the department of agriculture, attracted a great deal of attention.

SPRING WHEAT—Grand championship and 1st prize, H.G.L. Strange, Fenn; Third prize, H.T. Telle, Lake Saskatchewan; Fourth prize, H. Norman Fisher, Sedalia; Twelfth prize, A.C.B. Grenville, Morrin; Twenty-first prize, F. Stooke, Drumheller.

RED CLOVER SEED—First prize, Nunnemaker Bros., Brooks.

ALFALFA SEED—Second prize, Nick Chelte, Brooks; Sixth prize, Alex. Garrow, Brooks; Tenth prize, E. O. Boyd, Rife.

TIMOTHY SEED—Eighth prize, Wm. Lucas, Cayley; Tenth prize, J.W. Lucas, Cayley.

WHITE FIELD PEAS—First prize, H.G.L. Strange, Fenn; Third prize, J. W. Lucas, Cayley; Fourth prize, F. S. Grisdale, Olds.

COLORADO FIELD PEAS—Fifth prize, F. S. Grisdale, Olds.

OATS—Grand championship and first prize, J. W. Biglands, Lacombe; 2nd, J.H.B. Smith, Wolf Creek; 4th, A.F. Galloway, Vermilion; 5th, F. S. Grisdale, Olds; 6th, Wm. Lucas, Cayley; 9th, W. Wallace, Linfield; 10th, D.S. Loughheed, Knee Hill Valley; 11th, D. W. Trotter, Shepard; 13th, J. Tattersall, Vermilion; 14th, A. Young, Roydale; 16th, Dr. Allin, Edmonton; 18th, Saida Trotter, Sheperd; 23rd, A. Loughheed, Bowden; 26th, R. McAllister, Eldorena; 30th, F. H. Dunstan, Lloydminster; 33rd, Ben Berry, Fedorah; 34th, D. B. Winters, Mannville; 35th, C. F. Loughheed, Bowden.

SIX-ROWED BARLEY—19th prize, R. A. Meeks, Mannville.

TWO-ROWED BARLEY—3rd prize, Nick Taitinger, Claresholm; 10th prize, J. W. Lucas, Cayley.

TREBI BARLEY—3rd prize, J. W. Lucas, Cayley.

WHITE SPRING WHEAT—7th prize, J. W. Lucas, Cayley.

RYE—2nd prize, J. W. Lucas, Cayley.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Massey, a hearty vote of

FLAX—7th prize, A. Loughheed, Bowden; 14th prize, F. H. Dunstan, Lloydminster.

A gift of the sum of \$500,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation has been made to the medical college of the University of Alberta, according to word received last week. A special gift of \$5,000 has also been given by the Rockefeller Foundation to aid in the extension of the use of insulin.

Delegates from the Alberta Federation of Labor met the members of the provincial government the past week and presented requests for certain changes in legislation. Premier Greenfield announced that a study was being made of the Workmen's Compensation Act with a view to some changes.

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NEWS FROM BRANT

L. J. St. Clair was a visitor in Vulcan on Friday.

Miss Grace Cascadden spent Saturday night at the St. Clair home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ford, a daughter, on Thursday of last week.

The Messrs. J. Kelley, L. J. St. Clair and T. Johns shipped cattle to Calgary last Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Horsefield and little son, of Calgary, are visiting Mrs. Horsefield's sisters, Mrs. Hicklen and Mrs. Johns.

The Ladies Institute held their annual Xmas tree on Friday evening last. A good time was reported by all it is understood.

Quite a number of the Brant Hockey fans took advantage of the special train to Calgary to witness the game between Calgary and Vancouver.

The Ladies' Institute are holding a community Christmas tree on Saturday night, December 22nd. The pupils from the Emerson school, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Cascadden, are putting on a dialogue and some recitations. This will go towards the evening amusements.

EASTWAY NEWS

On Tuesday, December 11, a meeting of the Eastway W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. J.B. Marshall, by the invitation of Mrs. Cockwill, seven members and two visitors being present. Business in connection with the Institute bazaar was discussed and details arranged. Mrs. Chester Clark gave a recitation and Mrs. Cockwill gave a song. A most enjoyable lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting (the first annual) will be held at the home of Mrs. Baldwin on December 27th.

A bazaar and sale of work was held in Eastway school on Friday, December 14th, and was much enjoyed and liberally patronized by those who attended. The stalls did much credit to the ladies in charge, and thanks are due to everyone who kindly contributed and helped to make the bazaar a success. The stall holders were as follows: useful articles, children's clothing, etc., Mrs. M.P. Marshall and Mrs. Clark; fancy articles, Mrs. G. Ryan; home cooking and refreshments, Mrs. Cockwill and Mrs. J. Marshall; candy, Miss G. Marshall and helpers; lucky dip, Mrs. Lent and Mrs. Wenger; art gallery and museum, Mrs. Arney. A dance followed the bazaar, the music being supplied by Messrs. W. and D. Speers. The proceeds amounted to about forty dollars.

REID HILL NEWS

We regret to state that Mrs. Wm. Markham is in need of very careful nursing.

Mrs. C. Dewar is entertaining her father and mother, who are visiting in this district from the Rimbey district.

Mr. Hawkins, son and daughter, are leaving for their old home in the southern part of U.S.A. After a reunion and celebration they are coming back, of course.

The Christmas celebrations will be held at the various centres of this district as here stated: Sunny Glen, Dec. 20th; Prospect Slope, Dec. 21st, and Reid Hill church, Dec. 22nd.

A very painful accident befel the eldest son of Mr. Alec McIntyre, Leslie, who was riding after cattle on Saturday last. The horse fell and the lad sustained a broken leg.

The school fair prize money for Sunny Glen school has just been received. Out of a total of 12 children on the register, ten received awards for their efforts in the competition.

The funeral took place on Monday, Dec. 10th, of Mrs. Margaret Holliday Glosson, who died at the home of her daughter, Helen, and son-in-law, Mr. Durstin. Deceased had been ailing for some time but was recovering from her indisposition, and unfortunately pleuro-pneumonia set in and death supervened on Saturday, Dec. 8th. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Durstin; their two unmarried sons and married daughter, Mrs. Campbell, besides a whole community of friends, who will ever miss the kindly word and smile of "Grandma Glosson". During the active years of her life she was a Ladies' Aid and Mission Band worker, taking a vital and intelligent interest in every branch of Christian activity. The deceased lady was born July 13th, 1844. Had she lived until July of the coming year, she would have been 80 years old. She was a native of Lanark, Ontario, coming to Queenstown in 1909. Interment was made at Vulcan, after service had been held at the home conducted by Rev. J. H. Faulkner of Reid Hill.

They are going to probe into the actions of party politicians in British Columbia and the Lord knows what will be the result. The provincial party, led by General McRae, demand an enquiry into the P.E.G. affair and the government retaliates by charging General McRae with graft while associated with the C. N. R. Hon. Mr. Sloan, touching on the records of Gen. McRae, Charles Tupper Davis, McIntosh, J. Nelson, Rounsefell, Todd and Boggs scathingly said they were a "bunch of exploiters and traitors" and he gave a few figures by way of proving his statement.

FINAL CROP REPORT

Issued by Department of Agriculture, On Friday, December 14th

With threshing in the province practically completed, sufficient number of threshers' returns have now been received by the department of agriculture to justify a final estimate of the average yields per acre of the various grain crops. As was previously stated, the department has found that most of the estimates of average yields made before harvesting were too low. The average yield per acre of wheat for the entire province is now placed at 28 bushels, the average for oats at 55 bushels, that for barley at 37 bushels, that for rye at 11 bushels, and that for flax at 10 bushels, there being a very small acreage of the latter crop. The total acreage in wheat in the province as determined by the federal bureau of statistics and the provincial department of agriculture is placed at 5,973,753 acres. The average of 28 bushels on this acreage gives a total yield of 167,265,084 bushels. Threshing returns received to date indicate that the heaviest average yield of wheat has occurred in the west central crop district, which includes the territory from Didsbury north to Pembina and Sturgeon, west of the western boundaries of the provincial ridings of Stettler, Camrose, Vegreville, Whitford and Beaver River. The returns show the average yield over this territory thus far to be 34 bushels. The east central district, which includes the territory from Stettler and Ribstone ridings, north to the northern boundaries of the ridings of Beaver River and St. Paul, shows an average yield of 26 bushels. The south-eastern district, which includes most of the land on which a comparatively light yield was obtained, shows an average yield to date of 21 1/4 bushels, while the south-western district indicates an average yield of 30 1/4 bushels to date. The northern and Peace River districts show average yields of from 25 to 28 bushels. The following is a comparison of the total acreages and yields for the province for the years 1922 and 1923:

Year 1922: Acreage, 5,765,595; Average yield, 11.50; Total yield, 65,740,693. Year 1923: Acreage, 5,973,753; Average yield, 28.00; Total yield, 167,265,084.

Ideal weather conditions have prevailed throughout the entire autumn season, enabling the farmers to practically complete threshing operations before severe weather set in. The marketing of the grain has proceeded fairly smoothly, and the railways report a total of nearly 110,000,000 bushels of wheat already marketed, including wheat shipped and in elevators. The financial returns have proved somewhat disappointing, owing to prevailing low market prices, and to the fact that a considerable amount of the grain is grading No. 2 and lower chiefly in the more northern districts of the province, due to various causes. In consequence, the department believes that the average price for all wheat to be received by the Alberta farmers will be approximately 65 cents. Very little fall cultivation has been done in the province, the farmers having been engaged almost entirely in threshing operations. The precipitation during the autumn has been light, and the soil is fairly dry.

Livestock is in excellent condition, and there is a great abundance of feed. There has been an unusual heavy acreage in fodder crops which have yielded well. An outstanding feature the past season has been the considerable acreage planted to corn in Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. Excellent results have been obtained with this crop not only on small plots, but also on areas of 100 acres and more on several farms, practically establishing corn as a successful crop in that part of the province. Much of the success obtained is due to the concentrated efforts of the district agriculturists of the department, in the districts concerned, and to the persistence of the growers themselves. A considerable increase in dairy products and in poultry and its products, has been noted during the year. A small surplus of farm labor exists in the province. Some of the surplus of the harvest labor remaining in the province has been absorbed on farms for the winter, and others have gone into other branches of labor. A few farm jobs are still open for the winter at an average wage of \$10 a month and board.

PROVINCIAL SEED FAIR

The annual provisional seed fair under the auspices of the provincial field crops branch of the department of agriculture and the dominion department of agriculture, will be held in Edmonton on January 17 and 18, with the judging to be done the two previous days. In view of the wonderful showing made at Chicago this year by Alberta seed exhibitors, the seed fair promises to be especially interesting. The U.F.A. convention is also expected to be held in Edmonton the same time, and it is possible that the legislature will be in session, so that a large attendance at the fair is looked for. In conjunction with the fair the annual meeting of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association will be held, and a dinner will also be held, when it is likely the winners at Chicago will be guests. Catalogues may be had at the field crops branch of the department of agriculture.

COLONIAL XMAS

If you must have the whole truth, there really was no Christmas in the very early Colonial days—at least among the Puritans. And when you go back to the history of those days and of those exceedingly brave o'd fellows that built the town of Plymouth you can understand how there would be a strong feeling against Christmas. Time was then reckoned according to the old style. So that January 2nd was December 25th to the colonists. That particular day found them busy constructing their first buildings and having to guard against Indians as well. Bradford's note in his famous "Log Book" records the first Christmas day as follows: "The day call'd Christmas day, ye Gov call'd them out to worke (as was used) but ye moste of this new company excused themselves, and saide yt went against their consciences to worke on yt day. So ye Gov. tould them that if they made it matter of conscience he could spare them till they were better informed. So he led away ye rest and left them; but when they came home at noon from their worke he found them in ye street at play openly, some pitching ye bar, and some at stool ball and such like sports. So he went to them and took away their implements and tould them it was against his conscience that they should play and others worke." (Stool ball was a game where balls are driven from stool to stool.) In 1659 Massachusetts bay made a law forbidding the celebration of Christmas under penalty of five shillings. Plymouth, however, never had such a law. Gradually the prejudice melted away and Christmas came to be celebrated everywhere. There is another brief note concerning the first Christmas among the Puritans. Twenty men were left on shore to guard and the rest returned to the ship, the celebrated Mayflower. Jones the captain had his mind on the return voyage and the necessary supplies for it. That very morning he had refused to give out beer, lest the supply should not last. Beer took the place of tea, coffee, milk or chocolate to the Puritans and meant much to them. However the captain relented at night and as Bradford and his men were resting about the fire in the cabin he gave out beer in abundance, in remembrance of the festivities at home. The poor Pilgrims were still confined to the ship's provisions, and so continued until summer, when their crops came in. A year later when seven houses and four public buildings stood in the little town of Plymouth, their crops were in furs and lumber were stored for export to England, a peace treaty had been signed with the Indians, there came a season of great rejoicing. It was then that Thanksgiving was instituted. For two centuries its celebration was confined to New England, then later the day became general, to be observed by the entire country.

PRINCE OF WALES

In a speech delivered on December 18 at the dinner of the Farmers' club and the Chamber of Agriculture, the Prince of Wales said: "You can look upon me as a farmer this evening—a farmer both at home and in Canada. I was very glad of the opportunity of going over to Canada and really learning something about agriculture. Many people who pass by fields of stock for instance, have no idea of the hard work involved in raising them." The prince expressed sympathy with the British farmers' troubles, and also admiration for the way they were holding on. He was sure the agricultural industry would emerge triumphant from the present trouble. The best British farmer has no equal in the world. Lord Bledisloe, chairman, said the prince was deservedly the most popular man in the British Empire when he was in Canada they heard of Lord Renfrew grooming horses, cleaning out cow stalls, washing down cattle, driving the binder and taking part in every day tasks of the agricultural worker because he wanted to learn first hand what the agricultural worker had to contend with. He was giving the country squire a splendid lead in his conception of land owners and farmers.

A "WHALE" OF A CROP

Word has been received by his brothers at Gladstone from Mr. Alfred Clayton of Vulcan, Alberta, concerning the wonderful yields in Alberta this year. The big crops do not come often but—oh, my!—when they do come. Mr. Clayton had around 800 acres of wheat in crop and he threshed 36,700 bushels of wheat his last fall. Summer fallow ran around 52 bushels per acre. Stubble in land ran 37 bushels per acre. He also threshed 9600 bushels of oats, yielding as follows: summer fallow 84 bus. per acre; stubble in land 77 bus. per acre. His barley averaged 52 1/2 bus. per acre for the entire crop. Even at the prevailing low prices, (70 cents) it was a very profitable year for Vulcan farmers. When one considers that Mr. Clayton's threshing bill was \$6,175.00 the size of the crop can be imagined. Of course on the whole, the Clayton's who remained at Gladstone are probably worth more in dollars and cents than their brother in the west notwithstanding this immense crop.—Gladstone (Man.) Age.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Departmental examinations will start on June 18th next, in Alberta. The provincial seed fair will be held at Edmonton on January 17 and 18, and any person wishing to make entry should do so at their earliest convenience.

R. O. German, of Foremost, Alta., has been named secretary of the Alberta Wheat Pool in place of J. A. Jackman, who resigned to hold his position as trustee.

Final preparations for winter feeding are now being made by farmers in the Vauxhall district. It is expected that approximately 10,000 lambs and 600 steers will be fed.

B. C. is seeking legislation providing for a plebiscite on the question of beer sales by the glass in licensed premises. The cost of the election will be taken out of liquor sales.

The provincial government's new tax on timber leases is strenuously opposed by lumbermen throughout the province. They want the old rate of 1 cent per acre continued otherwise the industry will be sadly crippled.

Robinson Morgan, a student at Alberta University, has been named as first holder of a scholarship of 7,000 francs given by the French government to the provincial university for the encouragement of study in France.

That farmers lost annually the sum of \$25,000,000 through the old system of handling and marketing grain is the claim made by a prominent Manitoba farmer before the Royal Grain Enquiry Commission. If farmers got that money which is rightly theirs, they would be prosperous.

The Prince of Wales is learning Canadian ways of speech. It is said, for instance, that the Prince's recent visit to his Canadian ranch has resulted in his adopting the American habit of making one word do the work of two. At any rate, "sure" for "of course" now comes often in his conversation.

The complaint of the Alberta producer against the unexpected increase in charges made by the Vancouver harbor commission, has had good results already, and effected a compromise, which seems to be about right. The commission had reason for making as big an increase as it did make.

The feasibility of the Hudson's Bay route for getting western grain to Britain is again to the fore. This route is so confused by politicians that no one seems to know whether it will prove advantageous or not and in the meantime millions of dollars have been spent on the project without any knowledge as to its feasibility.

Natural gas is now being delivered in the city of Edmonton from the Viking field where ten wells are in operation with a daily open flow of 40,000,000 cubic feet. Seventy-seven miles of main line were constructed between Edmonton and Viking and 81 miles within the city. The total cost of the undertaking was about \$3,000,000.

According to information obtained at the immigration offices the number of settlers to come into Western Canada from the United States through port of entry between Port Arthur, Ont., and Kingsgate, B.C., during the first ten months of the current year was 7,767 and they brought in wealth amounting to \$1,737,864, while the value of the effects they brought totalled \$490,415.

The province of Alberta possesses great natural advantages for dairying and the manufacture of creamery butter—which has established a reputation for quality previous to the war—is one of the province's important and growing industries. Recently, vigorous steps have been taken to place the industry on an improved basis by the elimination of the cream buying station—resulting in the shipment of cream direct to creameries—and by the establishment of a system of government grading at the point of manufacture. Great improvement in quality is resulting, and at the same time a marked increase in production is taking place, the output for 1922 being some two million pounds greater than in the year previous. The main problem is to find and hold remunerative markets for the growing surplus. Alberta was the first province of Canada to pass legislation making the grading of cream as received at creameries compulsory. Alberta was also the pioneer in the matter of grading butter.—Commercial Review.

Lethbridge held a very successful Winter Seed Grain, Potato and Corn Show last week and in every department a wonderful improvement was noted in the quality of grain shown. J. W. Lucas, of Cayley, had entries that brought forth words of praise from the judges, the barley samples were excellent, while beans, peas, rye, alfalfa and timothy seed were also of very high quality. In grain and grasses, Mr. Lucas was very much in the winnings, his barley being highly recommended by the judges. The following prizes were awarded to Mr. Lucas: Oats, any variety, first; Barley, six rowed, J. W. Lucas 1st; Rye, any variety, J. W. Lucas, 1st; Timothy, J. W. Lucas, 1st; Bromo, J. W. Lucas, 1st; Alfalfa, J. W. Lucas, 1st; Red Clover, J. W. Lucas 1st; Field Peas, J. W. Lucas, 1st. There were numerous entries and the competition was keen. Registered seed potatoes were in evidence at the show, and the seed will be sold under government stamp. Judges declared the potatoes at corn exhibits were away ahead of other years and showed a marked improvement.

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On December 15, R. O. German, of Foreman, Alberta, will take over the secretaryship of the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., succeeding W. J. Jackman, who resigned in order to hold his seat on the board of trustees which represents the Edmonton pool district.

R. A. Darker speaking in behalf of the moderationists talks of using the recall if U. F. A. members of the Greenfield government try to thwart the will of the people in connection with the carrying out of the principles of Clause D which passed with such a big majority.

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Anthem by Junior Choir: "The Angels' Song"
Duet: "Silent Night", Misses B. Walker and G. Cook
Hymn 171: "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
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VEGETABLES		
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